



NEWS RELEASE

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE **KEVIN SHELLEY**

KS05:001

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, January 5, 2005

Contact: Caren Daniels-Meade
Carol Dahmen
916-653-6575

REVISED

Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Public School. Restrictions on Sex-Related Instruction. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS. RESTRICTIONS ON SEX-RELATED INSTRUCTION.
INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

- Prohibits public elementary school instruction on specified sex-related subjects.
- Requires daily advance parental notification and approval for every day of such instruction in grades 7 through 12.
- Exceptions for students 18 years of age, for federally approved disease-prevention instruction and student requests for confidential counseling with school psychologist or peace officer.
- Specifies content and format of notice, including parents' rights, description of information to be taught and materials or sources to be used.
- Provides school district liability of \$5,000 per violation plus attorney's fees court costs.

The summary of the estimated fiscal impact on state and local governments, as determined by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance, indicates additional costs to school districts from parent notification regarding sex education topics, potentially in the low millions of dollars annually.

The proponent, Tony Andrade, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, which is five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is June 3, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-230-2123.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.

-30-